

INDIANA'S EDUCATION ROUNDTABLE

Meeting Under I.C. 20-1-20.5-1

April 21, 2014

Indiana's Education Roundtable met on Monday, April 21, 2014 at the Indiana Government Center South. Governor Pence called the meeting to order at 2:15 PM EST.

A quorum was present and the following members were in attendance:

Governor Mike Pence (co-chair)
Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz (co-chair)
Sergio Aguilera, Mexican Consul to Indianapolis (retired)
Steve Baker, Principal, Bluffton High School
Rep. Robert Behning, chair, House Education Committee
Dennis Bland, president, Center for Leadership Development and member Commission for Higher Education
Kevin Brinegar, president, Indiana Chamber of Commerce
Amos Brown, III, director of strategic research, WTLC-AM
Steve Dwyer, president, Conexus
Dan Elsener, president, Marian University and member of State Board of Education
Al Hubbard, president, E&A Industries
Dr. Stacey Hughes, research director, Indiana Education Employment Relations Board
Robert Hurst, mayor, Princeton, Indiana
Pat Kiely, president, Indiana Manufacturers Association
Sen. Dennis Kruse, chair, Senate Education Committee
Dr. Vic Lechtenberg, vice provost for engagement, Purdue University
Teresa Lubbers, commissioner, Indiana Commission for Higher Education
Teresa Meredith, president, Indiana State Teachers Association
Pat O'Rourke, Hammond Federation of Teachers
Dr. Wendy Robinson, superintendent, Ft. Wayne Community Schools
Sen. Earline Rogers, ranking minority members, Senate Education Committee
Scott Sanders, commissioner, Indiana Department of Workforce Development
Danny Shields, teacher, Unionville Elementary School
Bill Stanczykiewicz, president and chief executive officer, Indiana Youth Institute
Glenn Tebbe, executive director, Indiana Catholic Conference and member, Greensburg City Council
Marvin Ward, education consultant; Indiana Association of School Business Officials

The following members were absent:

Dr. Vince Bertram, chief executive officer, Project Lead the Way

Bruce Breeden, director of business development, Telamon, Inc.
Linda Day, second vice-president, Indiana School Boards Association
Jim Edwards, member, Indiana Works Council
Dr. Michael McRobbie, president, Indiana University
Rep. Greg Porter, ranking minority member, House Ways & Means Committee

Call to Order and Welcome

Governor Pence convened the meeting. The roll was called and a quorum was declared.

Approval of the Minutes

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2014 meeting.
The motion was adopted, and the minutes were approved as distributed.

The agenda was amended by consent to add consideration of Resolution #3: Exemplary Instructional and Curriculum Materials. Mr. Clark noted that assessment issues would be discussed at the next meeting.

Chairpersons' Reports

Governor Pence commended the Indiana Department of Education ("IDOE") and the Center for Education and Career Innovation ("CECI") for designing and implementing Indiana's most extensive academic standards development process. Governor Pence noted that the process has provided for more K-12 teacher, higher education faculty, and content expert participation, as well as more public input, than ever before.

Superintendent Ritz congratulated the IDOE and CECI staffs and introduced Danielle Shockey (DOE), Molly Chamberlin (CECI), Sam Snideman (CHE), and Sujie Shin (WestEd) to review the standards development process. Ms. Shin explained actions taken to address six standards development objectives and noted that Indiana has implemented an exemplary process. Ms. Chamberlin reviewed the procedures to arrive at a final standard, and Ms. Shockey reviewed the process to integrate literacy standards with social studies and science curricula and to provide support services to teachers. Ms. Shockey also discussed next steps in the standards process. She stated it was the Department's responsibility to support the field. Further, she presented a slide which laid out the Department's implementation plans; this included the Department working on glossaries, reading exemplar texts, and rubrics supporting the transition to new standards.

Superintendent Ritz moved and Governor Pence seconded motions to adopt resolutions recommending English/Language Arts Standards – 2014 and Math Standards – 2014.

Superintendent Ritz reiterated her appreciation for the staff work and public input. Governor Pence noted that the standards were better than Indiana's prior standards and exceeded the Common Core State Standards.

Commissioner Lubbers stated that for the first time higher education faculty had explicitly been included in the standards development process.

Mr. Brown objected to the development of media literacy standards without the expertise of media professionals.

Dr. Hughes illustrated the difference between standards and curriculum.

Dr. Robinson stated that while standards were important, curriculum and instruction were even more significant. She also stated that assessments would be very important because of the accountability implications.

Mr. O'Rourke noted his prior support for the Common Core State Standards, but asserted that the proposed standards would be great standards. He expressed concern about support for professional development and questioned if new assessments could be delayed.

Mr. Stanczykiewicz clarified that local control of curriculum and instruction would be unimpeded and that local educators and school boards would select textbooks and instructional materials.

Dr. Lechtenberg inquired about optional math standards and was assured that editorial changes had been made to include the math standards in question. Dr. Lechtenberg also stated that the inclusion of course specific math standards through calculus exceeded the requirements of the Common Core State Standards.

Mr. Baker stated that the standards were solid and stressed the importance of professional development. He offered the support of the Indiana Association of School Principals in the development of assessments.

Senator Rogers called for all interested parties – educators and the public – to come together and move forward in supporting schools and students. She stated that she supported the Common Core State Standards but also recognized that the development of the proposed Indiana standards had been superlative.

Mr. O'Rourke asked when assessments would be developed. Superintendent Ritz explained that new assessments would be developed for the 2015-16 school year.

Mr. Aguilera expressed a desire to re-adopt the previous academic standards.

Ms. Shockey stated that under the prior standards, 10,000 high school graduates annually needed remediation when they enrolled in an Indiana public college or university. Mr. Snideman concurred with her remarks.

The Resolution to Adopt the Indiana Academic Standards in English/Language Arts [2014] passed 21-2, with 1 abstention.

The Resolution to Adopt the Indiana Academic Standards in Math [2014] passed 21-3.

Mr. Brinegar proposed a Resolution Regarding Exemplary Curricular and Instructional Materials to be aligned with Indiana's academic standards. Mr. Kiely seconded the motion.

Mr. Brinegar stated that he offered the resolution to supplement the standards for the benefit of educators. Upon inquiry regarding how different the resolution will be to what the Department would already have done, Superintendent Ritz responded that the Department is strongly committed to providing great resources for teachers to be able to utilize locally. Upon inquiry about the deadlines, Superintendent Ritz stated the deadlines were achievable, and in fact, aligned with the Department's self-imposed deadlines for providing materials to the field.

Wendy Robinson, Superintendent at Fort Wayne Community Schools and member of the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents, expressed concern over the deadlines. She said she was concerned about the potential need for more time to have conversations with stakeholders and the Board and asked whether the Department would be able to meet the deadlines in the resolution. Superintendent Ritz responded that the initial set of resource guide materials will be ready by July, and then going forward that the resources would evolve on a continuous basis based upon input from educators. Superintendent Ritz reaffirmed the Department's commitment to developing resource guides as stated in the resolution.

The resolution regarding exemplary curricular and instructional materials to be aligned with Indiana's academic standards passed 24-0.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Governor Pence adjourned the meeting at 4:10 PM EST.

APPENDIX: ROLL CALL VOTES, APRIL 21, 2014

Votes [Roll Call]	Resolution #1: E/LA Standards	Resolution #2: Math Standards	Resolution #3: Resource Guide
Governor Mike Pence (co-chair)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz (co-chair)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sergio Aguilera, Mexican Consul to Indianapolis (retired)	Abstain	No	Yes
Steve Baker, principal, Bluffton High School	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rep. Robert Behning, chair, House Education Committee	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dennis Bland, president, Center for Leadership Development and IN Comm. for Higher Education	Not present	Not present	Not present
Kevin Brinegar, president, Indiana Chamber of Commerce	Yes	Yes	Yes
Amos Brown III, director of strategic research, WTLC-AM	No	No	Yes
Steve Dwyer, president, Conexus Indiana	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dan Elsener, president, Marian University and member, Indiana State Board of Education	non-voting	non-voting	non-voting
Al Hubbard, president E & A Industries	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stacey Hughes, education consultant	Yes	Yes	Yes
Robert Hurst, mayor, Princeton, Indiana	Yes	Yes	Yes
Patrick Kiely, president, Indiana Manufacturers Association	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sen. Dennis Kruse, chair, Senate Education Committee	No	No	Yes
Vic Lechtenberg, vice provost for engagement, Purdue University	Yes	Yes	Yes
Teresa Lubbers, commissioner, Indiana Commission for Higher Education	Yes	Yes	Yes
Teresa Meredith, President, Indiana State Teachers Association	Yes	Yes	Yes
Patrick O'Rourke, president, Hammond Federation of Teachers	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wendy Robinson, superintendent, Ft. Wayne Community Schools	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sen. Earline Rogers, ranking minority member, Senate Education Committee	Yes	Yes	Yes
Scott Sanders, Commissioner of the Department of Workforce Development	Yes	Yes	Yes
Danny Shields, teacher, Unionville Elementary School	Yes	Yes	Yes
William Stanczykiewicz, president and chief executive officer, Indiana Youth Institute	Yes	Yes	Yes
Glenn Tebbe, executive director, Indiana Catholic Conference; Greensburg City Council	Yes	Yes	Yes
Marvin Ward, education consultant; IN Assoc. of Sch. Business Officials	Yes	Yes	Yes
The following members were absent:			
Vince Bertram, chief executive officer, Project Lead the Way	Absent	Absent	Absent

Bruce Breeden, director of business development at Telamon, Inc.	Absent	Absent	Absent
Linda Day, second vice-president, Indiana School Boards Association	Absent	Absent	Absent
Jim Edwards, member, Indiana Works Council	Absent	Absent	Absent
Michael McRobbie, president, Indiana University	Absent	Absent	Absent
Rep. Greg Porter, ranking minority member, House Education Committee	Absent	Absent	Absent

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